(f) whether any police verification of these hostels is carried out regularly and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHR MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) According to information furnished by the University of Delhi, a total of nine hostels have been constructed during the last twenty years.

(b) to (f) While the University does not maintain statistics of students living in private hostels, it is a fact that there is limited hostel facilities for the students enrolled, including girl students, resulting in a number of girl students being forced to stay in private hostels. Steps have been initiated recently for providing a 500-Bed hostel accommodation. With a view to providing greater security, the Delhi Police have initiated action for licensing of private hostels.

Private operators in mid-day meal programme

2443. MS. MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are inviting private sector operators to manage the mid-day meal programme;

(b) if so, the names of NGOs who manage more than 10,000 meals from centralized kitchen in one area; and

(c) the reasons for which Government do not extend the centralized cooking system to other areas as well?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) The over all responsibility for implementation of the Mid-day Meal programme lies with the State Government. The guidelines envisage that the responsibility for cooking as far as possible be assigned to local women's Self-Help Groups, Youth Clubs affiliated to Nehru Yuvak Kendras, Village Education Committee, School Management-cum-Development Committee, Parent Teacher Association/Mothers' Teacher Association, or good NGOs where available.

(b) As per the available information, following NGOs are providing mid-day meal to over 10,000 children:

Andhra Pradesh

1. Naandi Foundation, Hyderabad

Gujarat

1. Stri Shakti, Delhi

Karnataka

1. Akshaaya Pathra Yojana, Bangalore
2. Akhila Karnataka Kannada Kasturi Kala Sangha, Bangalore
3. Adamyya Chetan, Bangalore
4. Mohseen Shareif, Bangalore
5. Kaveri Vidya Samsthe, Bangalore
6. Karuna Seva Samiti, Bangalore
7. Akshaya Patra Foundation, Hubli
8. Samrudhi Seva Samastha, Belgaum
9. Sri Gurushantheswara Prathistana Hirematta, Belgaum
10. Ideas Gadag, Bagalkote

Madhya Pradesh

1. Naandi Foundation, Hyderabad

Maharashtra

1. ISKCON, Mumbai

Orissa

1. Akshaya Patra Foundation, Bangalore

Rajasthan

1. Akshaya Patra Foundation
2. Naandi Foundation

West Bengal

1. City Level Programme of Action, Kolkata

Delhi

1. Naandi Foundation
2. Rao Raghubir Singh Seva Samiti

3. INDICARE Trust
4. Maitri Research and Development Foundation
5. Surya Charitable and Welfare Society
6. Ekta Shakti Foundation
7. Bhartiya Manav Kalyan Parishad
8. M/s Stri Shakti
9. ISKCON
10. Himalayan Institute of Pollution Control & Social Economic Development.

Details of NGOs, which are providing mid-day meal from centralized kitchen in one areas, are not maintained at the level of Central Government.

(c) Introduction/extension of centralized cooking system is a matter entirely decided by the concerned State Government.

SCs and STs in minority educational institutions

2444. SHRI P.R. RAJAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether student belonging to weaker sections of the society including the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes are devoid of reservation for professional courses in minority educational institutions;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the number of seats reserved for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes for professional educational courses in minority educational institutions as on date, category-wise and State-wise; and

(d) the criteria adopted for defining educational institutional institutions as minority educational institutions so as to provide reservation in such institutions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (d) Minority Educational institutions are established and administered by the minorities under article 30(1) of the Constitution and therefore, there is at present no